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CHAPTER 56

## **SENATE BILL 1306**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-817, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CHILD  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 8-817, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 8-817. Initial screening and safety assessment and  
5 investigation protocols; investigations; disclosure of  
6 information

7 A. The department shall develop initial screening and safety  
8 assessment protocols in consultation with the attorney general and statewide  
9 with county attorneys, chiefs of police, sheriffs, medical experts, victims'  
10 rights advocates, domestic violence victim advocates and mandatory reporters.  
11 Any initial screening and safety assessment tools shall be based on sound  
12 methodology and shall ensure valid and reliable responses. The department  
13 shall establish written policies and procedures to implement the use of the  
14 initial screening and safety assessment protocols.

15 B. In each county, the county attorney, the sheriff, the chief law  
16 enforcement officer for each municipality in the county and the department  
17 shall develop and implement protocols for cooperation in investigations of  
18 allegations involving extremely serious conduct. The protocols shall  
19 include:

20 1. The process for notification of receipt of extremely serious  
21 conduct allegations.

22 2. The standards for interdisciplinary investigations of specific  
23 types of abuse and neglect, including timely forensic medical evaluations.

24 3. The standards for interdisciplinary investigations involving native  
25 American children in compliance with the Indian child welfare act.

26 4. Procedures for sharing information.

27 5. Procedures for coordination of screening, response and  
28 investigation with other involved professional disciplines and notification  
29 of case status.

30 6. The training required for the involved child protective service  
31 workers, law enforcement officers and prosecutors to execute the  
32 investigation protocols, including forensic interviewing skills.

33 7. The process to ensure review of and compliance with the  
34 investigation protocols and the reporting of activity under the protocols.

35 8. Procedures for an annual report to be transmitted within forty-five  
36 days after the end of each fiscal year to the governor, the speaker of the  
37 house of representatives and the president of the senate.

38 9. Procedures for dispute resolution.

39 C. The department, the appropriate county attorney and the appropriate  
40 law enforcement agency shall cooperate in the investigation of every  
41 extremely serious conduct allegation in accordance with the investigation  
42 protocols established pursuant to this section. BEFORE IT RELEASES RECORDS  
43 IT RECEIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AN INVESTIGATION, THE LAW  
44 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL TAKE WHATEVER PRECAUTIONS IT DETERMINES ARE  
45 REASONABLY NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY AND SAFETY OF A PERSON WHO

1 REPORTS CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND TO PROTECT ANY OTHER PERSON THE AGENCY  
2 BELIEVES COULD BE ENDANGERED BY THE DISCLOSURE OF THE CPS INFORMATION. THE  
3 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE CPS INFORMATION IF THE  
4 DISCLOSURE WOULD COMPROMISE THE INTEGRITY OF A CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES OR  
5 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

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